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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of Task Force 16

SUBJECT : Proposal for Study of OCR Consultants' Recommendations

1. This Task Force is charged with studying the recommendations of the OCR Consultants concerning the disposition of certain functions in the Agency which are closely related to the problem of central reference, although not at present part of the Office of Central Reference. These are referred to by OCR as correlative functions. Action has already been taken on a number of these matters and the two primary outstanding problems remaining are the recommendations by the consultants that the FDD [REDACTED] and the Map Library of OCR be transferred to the Office of Central Reference. The consultants, however, did not include any substantive discussion of these problems in their report, so that we have relatively little information about the rationale they used in arriving at the recommendations.

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2. I propose/ that we conduct our study of these problems to answer the following questions:

- a. What objectives did the consultants probably have in mind in making the recommendation?
- b. Would the recommendation achieve this objective?
- c. Would carrying out the recommendation create other problems of greater magnitude?
- d. Are there other ways of reaching the same objective which do not raise outstanding problems?
- e. Conclusions and recommendations.

3. The functions of this Task Force are primarily fact finding and analytical. The Offices concerned will be given a chance to review and comment upon our recommendations, and the final decision will rest with the DD/I.

*What objectives would be served by following recommendations of consultants?*

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